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EmpowerThePeople YouAndYourCash

RICO FRAUD ENTERPRISE

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Conspiracy to Defraud the United States (18 U.S.C. § 371) & Filing False Returns (26 U.S.C. § 7206).

- **The Mechanism:** Goldberg instructs followers to file IRS Form 1099-OID (Original Issue Discount). In legitimate finance, this form reports taxable interest. Goldberg's scheme, however, instructs users to falsely list their personal debts (mortgages, loans) as "income" that was "withheld" by the government or creditors.
- **The "Redemption" Lie:** The scheme claims that by filing these forms as a "Debtor" using an ITIN, the taxpayer can "redeem" this phantom withholding.
- **Why it is Illegal:** This specific methodology—using the 1099-OID to claim non-existent withholding on personal debt—was explicitly criminalized in *United States v. Anderson*. By selling a "Standard Operating Procedure" that facilitates this, Goldberg is actively aiding and abetting the filing of false tax returns.

2. The "Shadow Preparer" Violation (Unlicensed Practice)

The Crime: Operating as an Unlicensed Tax Return Preparer & Promoting Frivolous Tax Arguments (26 U.S.C. § 7407 / § 6700).

- **The Mechanism:** Goldberg and his entities ("Empower The People" / "YouAndYourCash") collect fees (often disguised as "donations" or "subscriptions") to provide the templates, instructions, and "process" for these filings.
- **Why it is Illegal:** Under IRS regulations, anyone who is paid to prepare or assist in preparing all or substantially all of a tax return must have a valid **Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN)**. Goldberg operates as a "Shadow Preparer"—an unlicensed individual facilitating returns outside the regulatory system.
- **The Aggravation:** He is not only unlicensed but is promoting "frivolous arguments" (legal theories the courts have already rejected), which subjects him to heavy civil penalties and criminal injunctions.

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3. The "Abandoned Credit" Recruitment (Wire Fraud)

The Crime: Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343) & Theft by Deception.

- **The Mechanism:** "Abandoned Credit" is the marketing hook. Goldberg recruits victims by claiming they have hidden or "abandoned" credit/money held by the government that can be reclaimed through his specific administrative process.
- **The Digital Void:** He uses websites like youandyourcash.com and social media (YouTube/Facebook) to broadcast these claims.
- **Why it is Illegal:** Because the "Abandoned Credit" premise is legally false and the 1099-OID process is "defective" and "frivolous," soliciting money for these services constitutes **Wire Fraud**. He is using interstate communications (the internet) to defraud victims of their money (fees) under false pretenses.

Summary of the Federal Nexus

By combining these elements, Goldberg is not merely a "guru" giving bad advice; he is operating a **RICO Enterprise**. He uses the "Abandoned Credit" narrative to recruit victims (Wire Fraud), the "Private Trust" structure to launder the fees (Money Laundering/Unlicensed MSB), and the "1099-OID" filings to weaponize those victims against the IRS (Conspiracy to Defraud the US).